



IAP7 Rec'd PCT/PTO 21 JUN 2006

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q90798

Stefan ZIMMERMAN

Appln. No.: 10/552,683

Group Art Unit: Not Yet Known

Confirmation No.: 3798

Examiner: Not Yet Known

Filed: October 11, 2005

For: DISCHARGE TUBE

**RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C.  
371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)**

**MAIL STOP PCT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

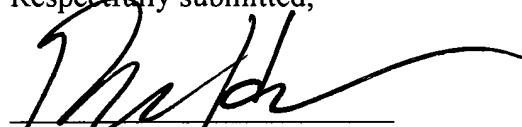
In response to the "Notification of Missing Requirements Under 35 U.S.C. 371 in the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US)," for the above application, Applicant respectfully submits herewith a copy of the Declaration for the above identified application properly executed by the inventors.

A check for the statutory fee of \$65.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to

RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION TO MISSING PARTS  
U.S. SERIAL NO.: 10/552,683  
ATTY. DOCKET NO.: Q90798

Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this paper is attached.

Respectfully submitted,



Brian W. Hannon  
Registration No. 32,778

SUGHRUE MION, PLLC  
Telephone: (202) 293-7060  
Facsimile: (202) 293-7860

WASHINGTON OFFICE

23373

CUSTOMER NUMBER

Date: June 21, 2006



# UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
 United States Patent and Trademark Office  
 Address: COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
 PO Box 1450  
 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450  
 www.uspto.gov

U.S. APPLICATION NUMBER NO.	FIRST NAMED APPLICANT	ATTY. DOCKET NO.
10/552,683	Stefan Zimmerman	Q90798

23373  
 SUGHRUE MION, PLLC  
 2100 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE, N.W.  
 SUITE 800  
 WASHINGTON, DC 20037

MAY 18 2006

INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.

PCT/EP04/03762

I.A. FILING DATE	PRIORITY DATE
10/21/2004	04/10/2003

CONFIRMATION NO. 3798

371 FORMALITIES LETTER



\*OC000000018794800\*

Date Mailed: 05/16/2006

## NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)

The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as a Designated / Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495).

- Indication of Small Entity Status
- Copy of the International Application filed on 10/11/2005
- English Translation of the IA filed on 10/11/2005
- Copy of the International Search Report filed on 10/11/2005
- Preliminary Amendments filed on 10/11/2005
- Information Disclosure Statements filed on 10/11/2005
- U.S. Basic National Fees filed on 10/11/2005
- Priority Documents filed on 10/11/2005

The applicant needs to satisfy supplemental fees problems indicated below.

The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date.
- To avoid abandonment, a surcharge (for late submission of filing fee, search fee, examination fee or oath or declaration) as set forth in 37 CFR 1.492(h) of \$65 for a small entity in compliance with 37 CFR 1.27, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.

### SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

Total additional fees required for this application is **\$65** for a Small Entity:

- \$65 Surcharge.

**ALL OF THE ITEMS SET FORTH ABOVE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN TWO (2) MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR BY 32 MONTHS FROM THE PRIORITY DATE FOR THE APPLICATION, WHICHEVER IS LATER. FAILURE TO PROPERLY RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT.**

The time period set above may be extended by filing a petition and fee for extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Applicant is reminded that any communications to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above (37 CFR 1.5)

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the response.*

INDIA L EVANS

---

Telephone: (703) 308-9140 EXT 212

**PART 1 - ATTORNEY/APPLICANT COPY**

---

U.S. APPLICATION NUMBER NO.	INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.	ATTY. DOCKET NO.
10/552,683	PCT/EP04/03762	Q90798

FORM PCT/DO/EO/905 (371 Formalities Notice)